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1. A five-page report on various industrial installations in the Orsk
area (Novo-Troitsk area).

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2. [redacted] the loca-
tions of various industries by street name and [redacted] the general
activity of each. [redacted] there
was in Orsk a secret underground plant which employed 60,000 workers.

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Industrial Installations in Novotroitsk and Gork. Oblast

1.

[redacted] metal processing shop belonging to an organization referred to as Promstroy-2. The shop had several small lathes, crushers, and electric and autogenous welders. Various types of screws, nuts, rivets, and simple metal parts for machines were manufactured in this shop. A number of other shops [redacted]

[redacted] belonged to Promstroy-2.

2. A large government organization [redacted]

[redacted] always referred to as "Trest," was in Novotroitsk to direct the construction of a large number of plants, factories, and other industrial installations in and around that town. The majority of these installations were located in the eastern part of Novotroitsk. The Trest offices, [redacted]

[redacted] were located in the western part of Novotroitsk on Ul. Pushkina. A number of various organizations responsible directly to the Trest were also located in Novotroitsk, [redacted]

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a. Promstroy-1 and Promstroy-2: Charged with the manufacture of various metal products for construction purposes and machine parts.

b. Two organizations referred to as S.Zh.U. [redacted]

[redacted] the Zh.U. stands for shilupravleniye. One was referred to as S.Zh.U.-1 and the other as S.Zh.U.-2.

c. Machine brigade: ^{Composed} ~~Construction~~ of a large number of tractors, excavators, scrapers, bull dozers, and other construction equipment. There was also a machine brigade base (baza) where repairs of all this equipment was made.

d. Garage and Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Shop: This was a huge compound where there were at least 500 trucks used by Trest for construction purposes.

[redacted] indirectly several hundred thousand workers in and around Novotroitsk were employed by Trest.

3. Another large organization, [redacted] referred to always as Combine (Kombinat), located in Novotroitsk on some unidentified street, was there to take over and direct the operations of plants, factories, and other industrial installations as soon as they were completed by Trest. In other words, [redacted] Trest was in charge of construction and the Combine of operation of all industrial installations built in the Novotroitsk area. [redacted] employment conditions with the Combine were much better than with Trest and tried to change jobs and work for the Combine. [redacted]

[redacted] It was rumored that the Combine was a restricted [redacted]

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(gasekrechennyy) organization.

4. [redacted] in and around Novotroitsk,

[redacted] industrial installations built there

the following:

a. A plant referred to as mekhanichskiy, located northeast of Novotroitsk, very close to the Chkalov-Orsk RR line. This was a huge compound with many shop buildings. A RR siding led into the plant.

[redacted] This plant was already in operation in 1953. It was rumored that the majority of the workers in this plant were skilled machine operators and steel workers whose salaries went up to 15 or 16 hundred rubles a month. Close to the mekhanichskiy there was another large factory compound, construction of which was evidently discontinued or interrupted. There were a number of partially completed buildings which looked like work shops.

b. Coke plant. Referred to as keksokom (KOKS Kombinat ?) and located approximately one kilometer east of the mekhanichskiy. It was a large plant with its own RR siding where there were often as many as 50 to 75 freight cars unloading coke. [redacted]

[redacted] in 1953 it was already operating 24 hours a day.

c. Steel mill (staloliteynyy). Located approximately 500 meters north of the keksokom. It had three very high stacks and several smelters. At night the light from the melted metal could be seen clearly in Novotroitsk. The mill consisted of three connected compounds.

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One of them was quite large and was allegedly put into operation in 1954. The other two were still under construction and had not been completed in the summer of 1955. There was an explosion in this mill in 1955 in which several workers were killed and a large number injured.

d. TES. An electric power plant located north of the steel mill. It supplied electric power to the town and all local industries. There was allegedly a project to conduct electric power from this TES to Orsk.

5. [redacted] how many inhabitants there were in Novotroitsk [redacted] there was certainly a large number.

The population consisted partly of released corrective labor camp prisoners belonging to the following national minorities: Tartars, Bashkirs, Kazakhs, and Moldavians. In addition, there was a large number of volunteers, boys and girls, who were members of the komсомол. There were allegedly ambitious plans connected with the building up of Novotroitsk which, it was often said, would in several years become a second Moscow.

[redacted] there were at least

15 or 20 RR spurs branching from the main Chkalov-Orsk RR line in the vicinity of Novotroitsk which lead to various industrial ~~installations~~ installations in the vicinity. [redacted] Novotroitsk was referred to as rezhinnyy gorod.

[redacted] until 1953 there were periodic militia raids in the town during which all loafers were arrested, tried in court, and usually

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sentenced to five or six months in prison. Later, after Stalin's death, prison sentences for people not working who were apprehended in raids were replaced by fines amounting from 15 to 25 per cent of their wages for a period of three months.

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6. [REDACTED]

in Orsk (5110N - 5834E), Chkalov Oblast, there was a secret underground plant which employed some 60,000 workers.

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